

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending herein. Claims 1-9 have been amended to overcome the Examiner's objections as stated in page 4 of the Office Action and the rejections under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph. No new matter has been added. In light of the above amendments and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims.

Claims 1-3 and 5-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C §103(a) as being unpatentable over Herrala et al. Applicants respectfully traverse this ground of rejection for at least the following reasons.

The present invention, as recited in amended independent claim 1 is directed to a method in a machine for producing or finishing/converting paper/board or pulp, the method comprising: monitoring and storing properties of various components of the machine monitoring and storing changes taking place in the properties and/or ambient conditions and the changes taking place in said properties and/or ambient conditions; transmitting the stored changes to a control unit of the machine and/or to a separate data processing system, (i) arranging in a component, a memory unit which accompanies the component when the component is a functional part of the machine, in which memory unit is electrically or optically read and written by magnetization; (ii) storing in the memory unit at least those properties of the component which effect on a control values of the machine, said storing taking place in connection with a manufacture or servicing of the component in question before the component is taken for installation into the machine, or taken to be stored for later use as a functional part of the machine; (iii)